

# In Step

November 2021



Thanksgiving at Northwest

## Thanksgiving Comes Early at NOVA, Northwest, and Anacostia!

Thanksgiving came early on Wednesday, November 17, for the Participants and members of the NOVA team. The bags were filled and prepared by Jane Bishop and Susan Weinbeck on Tuesday.

Since gratitude is the root of joy, it was joyful! Looking into the bag, Willie exclaimed: "I LOVE stuffing!" When told that Nancy Calvert has made the festive pumpkin ties, Angela bustled right over to her: "This is so cute! It's a keeper!" The NOVA team was so busy that in the first 30 minutes, they signed in, did the COVID screening, and handed out the gift bags and gift cards to 18 Participants. 47 bags were given out in total!

The NW DC office Thanksgiving Giveaway was also successful: 25 bags were handed out. Participants were overjoyed to receive the goodie bag and the \$50 grocery gift card...

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## A Motivational Moment at St. Andrew's Lower School

Partnership is a core value here at Samaritan Ministry, we all have something to gain when we join together. This was very apparent at our recent virtual visit to the St. Andrew's Episcopal Lower School, where Executive Director David B. Wolf and Participant Ben Morgan came to speak to the students about how to stay motivated in life and how Samaritan Ministry helps people like Ben. The students were thankful and inspired, and we were happy to receive their thank you notes and artwork in the mail! David and Ben also spoke to St. Andrew's Middle and High School students the next day.



St. Andrew's Episcopal School is a core partner and we can always rely on their support, especially during the holiday season...

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## Make an Impact Locally on Giving Tuesday!

November 30, 2021

We are one week away from Giving Tuesday, an annual tradition dedicated to supporting your favorite local organizations. It's all about the power of many, so while large



donations are always welcome, any amount will help us reach our goal of 100 individual donors. Spread the word about how Samaritan Ministry is uplifting our community!

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[Click here to download our #GivingTuesday posts!](#)

Early giving has already opened up! Go to [www.givelocaltogether.org/SMGW](http://www.givelocaltogether.org/SMGW) to make a gift today, or any day up until Tuesday, November 30!

## Hygiene is Two Thirds of Health!

Help us help our participants maintain a clean body which can lead to less disease, increase self-esteem and confidence.

### We need regular size:

- soap/body wash
- toothpaste
- body lotion
- deodorant (men's & women's)
- razors/shavers
- shampoo (ethnic hair)

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## 35th Anniversary Gala

A few weeks ago our Annual Gala was streamed live for the second time, but this year there was a fun twist! Several of our partners and some individuals hosted watch parties where people gathered in safe numbers to enjoy the Gala together. Counting both the watch party attendees and online viewers, there were about 900 people watching the program!

Highlights of the program included remarks from outstanding achievement award recipient Yolanda Jeter. We also heard from Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, who accepted the accepted the Outstanding Partner Award on behalf of St. Luke's DC, as well as this year's Compassionate Samaritan, Ms. Jean Harrison.

The auction is always a popular part of the night, and this year was no different. There were 29 baskets donated by partners and individuals, and by the time the auction ended, all were sold and we raised more than double...

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Watch our 35th Anniversary Gala on YouTube!

2021  
Virtual Gala  
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Saturday, November 6 7pm

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